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EXTENSION ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

The Casa Grande Afternoon Club held a potluck meeting in August for the purpose of making toys for Randolph Children's Colony. The Home Agent attended this meeting to become acquainted with the Homemakers of this group.

Miss Jean Stewart, State Home Demonstration Leader, held a conference early in September to complete plans for the annual county program planning meeting and plans for other meetings during the year.

County Council

During the first week of August, Miss Stewart, Mrs. Jane Peters, and the Home Agent worked on plans for the annual county program planning meeting for 1954. A tentative program was planned and leaders for the different discussion groups were suggested.

Lists were made of interested persons other than Homemakers who were to be notified of this meeting and given an invitation to attend.

The county program planning meeting of Pinal County was held in Sonora on September 9th with forty-eight Homemakers and five guests attending. In the absence of the county council president, Mrs. Jane Peters, the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Helen Ward, presided at the meeting.

The morning session consisted of introductions, "The Family Cycle" discussion by Miss Jean Stewart, State Home Demonstration leader, "Purpose of the Day" comments by Home Agent, and a group discussion on clothing, home management and home furnishings, nutrition, and health and community, was held with everyone taking part in the discussion on their subject. In each group problems were presented on the particular subject and then a selection was made on the two or three most important ones to present to the Council.

During the lovely Mexican luncheon served by the Sonora Homemakers, Mr. Theodore Siek, County Agricultural Agent, was introduced to the group, and he gave some very challenging thoughts on "The Farm Outlook".

After lunch, the groups reported the recommendations made for the 1954 program. The following were chairmen of the listed groups: Clothing- Mrs. Betty Cobb, Casa Grande Evening Club; Home Furnishings and Home Management - Mrs. Mary Ann Stevenson, Eloy; Foods and Nutrition- Mrs. Inez Wilkerson, Sun Valley Club; and Health and Community - Mrs. Lucy Jones, Superior.

Each report was discussed and voted on for acceptance in the 1954 program for Pinal County.

During the business meeting, there was a discussion on the song book and plans for Achievement Day were made.

Jo Perrill, reporter for the "Arizona Farmer" was guest at this meeting.

Information

Mrs. Lucille Pintz, Home Economist with the Indian Service, called by the office in August for introduction and information for prospective workers.

Office calls were made requesting information on mildew stains, making draperies, and dyeing upholstery on furniture with a spray.

The following news articles were published in the four newspapers in the county - Eloy Enterprise, Casa Grande Dispatch, Coolidge Examiner, and Superior Sun:

August 3	Odor, Stains are Removable
	4-H Club Work
August 10	An Aim for the Homemaker
	4-H Leaders Conference
August 17	4-H Achievement Show
	Beef is Plentiful
	Home Freezing
	Starching Tips
August 24	Frost Insulates Against Cooling
	Fluorescent Lighting Has Possibilities
August 31	Many Cuts of Sirloin
	Peaches on Market
	Picnic Grounds
	Nutritional Value of Liver, Heart and Tongue
	Net Bags for Washing Nylon
September 7	Outdoor Meals Depend on Fire
	More Beef in September
September 14	New Fibers in Fabrics
	Bulbs Popular Winter Flowers
September 21	Fashion Trends for Fall and Winter
	Types of Costume
September 28	Prepare Vegetables by Easy Method
	Potatoes Fit Budget Meal

During August two radio talks were given regarding 4-H organization and 4-H Camp.

On September 8th, a radio talk was given on purchasing woolen garments, and tips on laundering nylon. On September 18 a talk on 4-H organization meetings and tips on preparing hamburger patties was given. On September 25th, the subject covered was Four steaks from Round, and variety meats.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Better Dresses

A conference was held in August with Miss Church on making preparation for leader training meetings on Better Dresses to be held in Pinal County September 22nd and 23rd. This planning included information on where the meetings would be held, what would be brought out at the meeting and information needed in the letters to leaders announcing the meeting.

Plans for these meetings were completed during the first part of September. The meetings were held in Coolidge and in Ray. The meeting at Coolidge was attended by fifteen Homemaker leaders, and the second meeting at Ray was attended by nine leaders. Eloy was the only club not represented.

The meeting began with a discussion of some of the basic principals of sewing such as ways of marking patterns, selection of patterns, and material, and the needed supplies for ease in sewing. Miss Church gave complete instructions and demonstrations on taking correct body measurements. Then a discussion on the importance and use of these measurements after which a demonstration was given on how to compare the body measurements with the pattern measurements to check for any necessary alterations.

As one of the last steps in the day's program, how to make the various alterations where needed in patterns was illustrated by Miss Church, and one group made some alterations in their patterns at this meeting. All other corrections are to be made by both groups before their next meeting.

The bulletin, "Stay Stitching" was given and an explanation on how to stay stitch, and each member was asked to have the necessary stay stitching done before the next meeting. Other problems of homework were assigned for the next meeting.

The women in the various club groups plan to present this information either at regular homemaker club meetings or in special workshops.

HEALTH

Insect Control

A meeting was held by Dr. J. N. Roney, Extension Entomologist, on Insect Control at Ray at the home of Mrs. H. G. Hart. All members and the general public were invited to attend this meeting. Also the neighboring clubs at Superior,

Superior Mexicanitas, Hayden-Winkelman, and Sonora were invited.

Seventeen homemakers attended the meeting. Dr. Roney gave very helpful advice on all pests commonly found around the home and gardens. He demonstrated the application of insecticides for use in the home, mainly the kitchen.

4-H CLUB WORK

4-H Camp

The Home Demonstration Agent attended 4-H Camp at Mt. Lemmon from August 17th through the 22nd. Thirty-four boys and girls from Pinal County attended camp and participated in the camp program. The Home Agent assisted with the camp program in the leathercraft class and held outdoor cookery classes. Also helped in other activities where needed.

4-H Leaders Conference

Thirteen leaders, Junior Leaders, and Extension Agents attended 4-H Leaders' Conference at Flagstaff from Pinal County. The conference was from August 25th through the 29th. At this conference each one attending participated in the program and attended all meetings.

Achievement Days

The Second Year Cooking Club, Las Cookerettes, of Casa Grande - a summer club - held their Achievement Day Show August 12th at the home of their leader, Mrs. Albert Cruz. Mothers of the members were present to see what had been accomplished.

A display of brownies, muffins, recipe files and scrapbooks which the girls had made was interesting to all. Mary Palmer gave a demonstration on "Making Star Salad", and Bonnie Adams gave a demonstration of "Making Brownies".

After the business meeting, Sylvia Cruz gave a talk on Nutrition. Certificates were awarded girls completing their projects as well as to the leader, Mrs. Cruz.

4-H Leader Training Meeting

A meeting of Room Improvement Leaders was held in Eloy with Miss Grace Ryan giving necessary help on the requirements and standards of the Room Improvement projects.

These leaders received much valuable help along these lines. The leaders expressed a desire for further training on the making of demonstration material to be used in these projects.

4-H Leaders

The Home Demonstration Agent has made at least eight contacts in an effort to get 4-H leaders for the 1953-54 year. Two organizational meetings were held for 4-H'ers and their parents and leaders during the month of September.

4-H Records

A meeting was held in September with Mrs. Woodruff, a 4-H leader, and Maurice Bossuyt, Assistant County Agent, to select the best records for various county project awards and books to be sent in to the state office for state contests.

Other record books from the Indian clubs have been checked by the Agent for certificates of Achievement.

4-H Demonstrations

Miss Virginia Beldon was given suggestions for possible demonstrations to be presented during a fair in Casa Grande.